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1. "Report of Novelty Search" by Patentec, dated July 25, 2001.
2. U.S. Patent Number 6,205,431 to T. Willemain et al. entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORECASTING INTERMITTENT DEMAND."



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4. U.S. Patent Number 5,299,115 to R. Fields et al. entitled "PRODUCT DEMAND SYSTEM AND METHOD."
5. U.S. Patent Number 5,799,286 to J. Morgan et al. entitled "AUTOMATED ACTIVITY-BASED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM."
6. U.S. Patent Number 5,732,401 to D. Conway entitled "ACTIVITY BASED COST TRACKING SYSTEMS."

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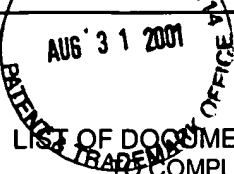
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